

San Antonio Youth Commission Mayoral Mayoral Representative	Application No: No: 20230627121003_14152
PROFILE	
Prefix	Ms.
Last Name	Mara
First Name	Flores
Middle Name	Zoe
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Mara
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	78212
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	
Phone 2 number	
Address 2 Type?	Business
Address 2	
City 2	San Antonio
State 2	TX
Zip 2	
eMail	
Board/Commission/Committee Name	San Antonio Youth Commission~Mayoral~Mayoral Representative~09
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes.	
Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	Hispanic/Latino/a
Gender:	Female

Age:	Under 18
Your age:	16
<p>Appointees to the Youth Commission must be at least at the freshman grade level at the time of appointment. Appointment is for a maximum of a two year period at the sophomore or junior grade level. Senior grade level appointees serve for one year. Commission meetings are held at least once a month at City Hall or at various high schools throughout the city, at specific times and dates. Sometimes, because of special projects or other scheduled activities, meetings may be increased to more than once a month. Attendance at these meetings is mandatory. Limited excused absences can lead to removal from office. Upon appointment, commissioners are required to submit a signed parental consent form to the Department of Community Initiatives.</p>	
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	Prefer not to Answer
PLEASE PROVIDE FOLLOWING SCHOOL INFORMATION	
School Name:	TMI Episcopal
Principal's Name:	Dr. Jasmine Harris
Principal's Phone:	
School City:	San Antonio
School State:	TX
School Zip Code:	78257
School Address:	
Grade Level:	11
Expected Year of Graduation.	2025
HOBBIES & INTEREST	
<p>School Involvement: List activities, clubs and other organizations in which you are involved or have been involved in the school or schools that you have attended. Include office, committee or leadership positions.</p>	<p>- TMI Episcopal Varsity Swim Team: 2021-Present - TMI Episcopal Journalism Club Member - Involved with editing and writing articles for the school newspaper: 2021-Present - TMI Episcopal Student Government Sophomore Class President - Role focused on planning school wide events and fundraisers to raise money for and strengthen the community of the sophomore class: 2022-2023 - Volunteer</p>

	<p>Camp Counselor at Summer at TMI Summer Camp for Kids from Kinder-Sixth Grade In charge of leading daily activities for a small group: 2022 - Participant in the Student Diversity Leadership Conference through TMI Episcopal, hosted by the National Association of Independent Schools: 2021</p>
<p>Community Involvement: List civic, religious or other community organizations or activities in which you are involved or activities in which you are involved or have been involved in the past. Include office, committee or leadership positions. List affiliations other than San Antonio as appropriate.</p>	<p>- NHI Colorado Lorenzo De Zavala Youth Legislative Session Participant: 2023 - National Hispanic Institute at San Antonio Great Debate Junior Counselor: 2022-2023 - SAYC Mayoral Appointee: 2021-2023 - Planned Parenthood Fundraising Project - Sold bracelets and donated all profits (\$600) to Planned Parenthood South Texas, as well as being invited to speak at a board meeting with the heads of Planned Parenthood South Texas: 2022 - NHI at San Antonio Great Debate Participant: 2022 - Streamline Aquatics Swim Team San Antonio: 2017-Present</p>
<p>Awards: List personal awards, special recognition and honors that you have received.</p>	<p>- NHI Colorado Lorenzo De Zavala Youth Legislative Session - Elected to serve as Speaker of the House of the Delegation: 2023 - Inductee of the TMI Episcopal Chapter of the Spanish Honor Society: 2023 - Inductee of the TMI Episcopal Chapter of the National Honor Society: 2023 - TAPPS Division II Girls Swimming Regional and State Champions: 2022, 2023 - NHI Texas Great Debate Competition - First Place in Cross-Examination Category: 2022 - 99th Percentile of PSAT Test Takers: 2021, 2022 - Hispanic Womens Network of Texas: San Antonio Chapter Mija Award: 2021</p>
<p>List those goals you most want to accomplish immediately after graduating High School or within the next four years.</p>	<p>I would like to be admitted to and attend one of my top universities of choice - Columbia University or Georgetown University - to pursue a field of study in either economics or public policy. Additionally, I would like to earn impactful job opportunities in either one of these fields.</p>
<p>Given the opportunity to influence a significant change in San Antonio, what youth-related issue would you address?</p>	<p>I would address youth advocacy and participation in local issues in voting in San Antonio. It is seen that every year, there is low voter turnout among young people (18-21) who are eligible to vote for the first time. I feel that it is important to address this issue seeing as citizens are the ones responsible for deciding their community leaders.</p>
<p>What approach would you take? Who would you work with? Why this particular issue?</p>	<p>I would launch a social media campaign targeted towards teenagers ages 16-18 years old who will soon be eligible to vote in elections. This campaign would explain critical information regarding voting in a simple way so that teenagers will be interested and be able to retain it. Additionally, I would work with a local organization to set up tables at tabling events to further provide information and possibly recruit youth ambassadors. This would encourage youth to take action in their community and feel as though they are contributing towards a cause that is</p>

	<p>bigger than themselves. Personally, I would choose to address this issue because I am very passionate about seeing positive change in our community, and I want to share this passion with others seeing as many of them might not even be aware on how they can make a difference through the simple task of voting. Additionally, I feel that coming from a youth voice, other youth would be more likely to take action.</p>
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
<p>I acknowledge the conditions for appointment and agree to participate actively. I further agree to abide by both the Rules and Regulations of Boards and Commissions and those of the Youth Commission of the City of San Antonio.</p>	Acknowledged
<p>I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release.</p>	Acknowledged
<p>OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.</p>	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	Mara Flores
Date of submission.	6/27/2023
<p>The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody</p>	

<p>of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.</p>	
<p>I want the public to have access to my Home Address.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Family Information.</p>	No
<p>Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.</p>	